



# Latimer's Voice

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## Editor's Comments:

Please use my e-mail address to submit stories, events, happenings, or other information that you would like in the newsletter. If you do not have a computer, please give it to me in person or mail it to me. The deadline for all news items to be submitted is the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. That will give me time to have it compiled and printed for distribution on the last Sunday of the month.

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## Pastor's Ponderings:



### "Moving Forward"

We are now into the year 2019. This is hard to believe. We are almost 20 years into the new century.

It has now been over 100 years since the end of World War 1. Time seems to move quicker every year.

I was born in 1961. I remember thinking, in 1970, that the new century seemed so far away. In my world of 1970, there were things that seemed like they would never change. I lived in Greenwood, SC, where numerous textile plants of Greenwood Mills churned out woven cloth each day to supply the nation and the world. Jobs in that industry seemed they would last forever. General Motors was the largest company in the world, and most people had never heard of Toyota, Honda, and BMW. Gasoline was 29 cents a gallon. On the world scene, we were engaged in a Cold War with the Soviet Union and a wall separated Germany. The Vietnam War kept going on and on.

Some 50 years later, I do not need to go through all the changes which have occurred. Some have been good, such as the end of the Cold War and BMW

establishing its North American Car Manufacturing plant in upstate South Carolina. Other changes have been difficult, such as the shift of textiles outside the United States.

The most important thing to me in 1970 was the church. The church was the center of the community and my family's activities, along with many others in the community, centered around the church. We went to church on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. The MYF met during the week. There was church softball.

But the church's role as the center of American culture has changed. Most Methodist churches no longer have more than their Sunday morning services. Although the one constant that remains is the good news of the salvation given by Jesus Christ, how we transmit that message into the world is in need of a new model. The model that we worked under is no longer effective. We learned

in our discussion of discipleship that we are on a journey and that we must adapt to changes that come our way. As we begin this New Year, let us remain creative in how we reach others and make them disciples. Let us take what we have learned in our Forward Focus study and move forward. We must be willing to adapt and take risks. It might be a wild ride but it's better than being stuck in the mud.  
Happy New Year!

- Rev. Wally Culp

### **From the Nurture Team:**

“Go Tell it on the Mountains, over the hills and everywhere; Go Tell it on the mountains that Jesus Christ is Born.” – HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

Many thanks for all who participated in our Christmas activities. Even losing a Sunday due to weather concerns didn't dampen our spirits. The Lord is mighty good to us all, and we want to share His Light. A big thank you to Misty Walfield for organizing our Christmas Cantata and Pageant. "While Shepherds Watched."

As we anticipate the year ahead the projects and goals for our church family, let us remember the Nurture team is a part of the N.O.W. Teams – with Outreach and Witness.

\*\*\* NEW INFORMATION – The Nurture Team now has sub-teams and the following changes:  
Angela Pinson chair of Food and Fellowship Activities

Regina Bullions, Chair of Education and Nursery  
Glenda Conley, Chair of Visitation with Jane Barton has moved to the Witness Team.

\*\*\* NEW INFORMATION - Our calendar this year starts with Food and Fellowship – for each month. A sign-up sheet for hosting the meals is on the desk in the Library. Something new this year – monies this year have been appropriated to help with cost of the meat selected for each fellowship lunch. Angela Pinson will be in charge of getting the meat portion, but your church group can decide on the theme, the decorating, gathering the side dishes such as “Pot Luck”, soups, salads and sandwiches, desserts, etc..

as you choose which month to prepare and serve the meal, please be in contact with Angela.

We will be having a Luncheon January 27. More information coming.

Epiphany Sunday is January 6.

We will undecorate the church January 12 at 10:00 AM.

March 6 will be an Ash Wednesday Service with Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 5. This will be our February meal, but served in March.

We have a faithful team of Nursery workers, but would like to expand this opportunity to others. Please let Pastor or Regina know if you would accept being in the rotation on Sunday mornings to assist in nursery care. We will be participating in training for “Safe Sanctuary” led by Kathy Jones from the Anderson District.

The ministry of Church Nurture includes – Christian Education (Sunday School, Vacation Bible School)

Worship ( Choir, special services, Sacraments, flowers, Ushers, Acolytes) Christian Formation (UMYF, Children's Coordination, family ministries, short term groups, church fellowship, and special events)

Team members: Sarah Blackwell, Angela Pinson, Misty Walfield and Pastor Wally.

Please keep Latimer Memorial in your prayers and the many activities to witness to others throughout the year. A reminder we all have gifts to share.

Next meeting January 16, 2019 11 am.

- Sandy Sorrow

### **From the Outreach Team:**

It seems like the months go faster and faster. It just seems such a short time since we wrote news of what missions the Outreach Team had done with the help of the congregation in the last newsletter.

We helped the Latimer Men's Group prepare and serve "Brinner" to our veterans at Richard Campbell Veterans' Home in November and December. Come and help

us some time. It is a blessing to get to serve these brave "young" men.

In December we encouraged everyone to make a donation to the Christmas fund for the Epworth Children's home so all the children living there could have a gift or gifts from their Christmas list. Linda was able to mail a check this week for \$240.00. A special thank-you to everyone who helped with this. Please keep this home and these children in your prayers.

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and will have a blessed 2019 as we work together to be in service.

- Pat Wilson

### **From the Witness Team:**

Witness Team met on December 6, 18 at 3:00.

We discussed past activities (2017-2018) We are currently active in three activities Newsletter (Susie), fellowship hour/greeters, preparing welcome bags for new visitors.

It was discussed to move Visitation under the guidance of Glenda to Witness Team. Have Santa

pass out a Christmas message from Your friends at Latimer UMC on 12/19 to Veterans at Richard Campbell. Going to help Outreach Team at Belton Elementary School 1/15/19. We would like to make a cookbook filled with our favorite recipes from our fellowship meals. Would like to have a meeting with other teams to discuss VBS and have another Witness Team meeting in January to be announced. We need all of your help in brainstorming ideas to attract younger couples to come to church. Let any members of the Witness Team Gay, Glenda, David, Hannah, Susie and Jane your ideas it will be greatly appreciated. One idea was to have shirts that members of church could purchase to wear when we are out and about witnessing to others. Watch for samples in upcoming newsletters.

- Jane Barton

### **The Liturgist's Schedule:**

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Kent Millwood  
Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - Linda Millwood  
Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Sandy Sorrow

## Church Council:

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

## Offering Counters:

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
John Pinson  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Kent Millwood  
Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Jim DuBose  
Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Ron Walfield  
Roy Mac  
Haggard

## Choir Practice:

Choir practice will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

## Ushers:

Frank Sorrow, our Head Usher, needs a volunteer to help him each Sunday. If you would like to volunteer and prefer a certain Sunday or certain Month, please see Frank. This opportunity is open to both men and women and youth.

## Grief Support Group:

The Grief Support Group will meet at Noon on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Rev. George Donigan, minister at Shiloh United Methodist Church

will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served.



## December Food and Fellowship Time:

The covered dish Food and Fellowship Meal was held on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. We had plenty of food and later listened to Christmas music and saw a short movie. We also had a special guest.



## Special Event at BES:

Special event at Belton Elementary School at 6:00 PM on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## January Food and Fellowship Meal:

The January Food and Fellowship meal will be the Chili Cookoff on January 27<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by Kent and Linda Millwood. This will be a fundraiser for cancer.

## Our Homebound:

Charles Campbell  
Ernie Emhof  
Jane Woodson  
Phillip Brannon  
Jackie Manning  
Peggie Bromeling

## The Latimer Lovelies:

The Latimer Lovelies will meet at noon on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at J. Peters in downtown Anderson. Please let Angela Pinson know by Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> if you plan to attend.



## Musical Notes:

December has been a very busy month for the choir. Even though our first caroling attempt on the Belton Square was rained out, we were able to carol at Mr. and Mrs. Charles

Campbell's home and with Peggy Bromeling. Everyone had a joyful time from the oldest members to the youngest (we had three children who attended- Payton Burleson, Alana Walfield, and Max Walfield). Linda Millwood fixed all of us a hot lunch on a cold, rainy day and we all had a wonderful time of fellowship.

Next was our Christmas Cantata/Program. I'd like to say a special "Thank You" to all who participated in the Christmas Cantata/program. So many had a part in this wonderful production. The choir was very dedicated to practice each week on top of their other music. They also helped with making props, helping with costumes, and lifting the program up in prayer. Our narrator and reader also practiced with us and did a great job. The children were very motivated and did an outstanding job with learning their parts. The ladies at the back, who may not have been seen, played a very important part of getting the children dressed and sending them in on time. Everyone who took part was wonderful and I was truly blessed to work

with each of them on this special production.

Choir Members:  
Jane Barton, Sarah Blackwell, Glenda Conley, Wally Culp, Kent Millwood, Linda Millwood, Sandy Sorrow, Alan Walfield, and Ron Walfield

Narrator: Frank Sorrow  
Reader: Alan Walfield

Sheep Makers: Sandy and Frank Sorrow-The sheep were beautiful and made our field realistic.

Play Participants:  
Joseph-Raymond Bullions  
Mary-Payton Burleson  
Angel-Alana Walfield  
Shepherd-Max Walfield

Helpers at the back: Regina Bullions, Gay Walfield, and Pat Wilson

As I close, I just want to say that I am looking forward to the choir doing more musical events like we have done during December in the upcoming 2019 year.

- Misty Walfield

### **Our Prayer Concerns:**

Lane Bourne, Phillip Brannon, Ben Brogden, Peggy Bromeling, David Burleson, Juanita Butler, Charles Campbell, Frank

Clark, Danielle Clavier, Rene Clavier, Nancy Cothran, Katie Coward, Judith DuBose, Gloria Eaves, Richard and Margaret Edwards, Tony Ellett, Barb Emhof, Ernie Emhof, Linda Emhof, Elsie Gilbert, Jim Grubbs, Judi Harris, Georgia Keen, Amy and Jim Lane, Jackie Manning, Emily McAlister, Sara McDowell, Randy Morrison, Nancy Nagel, Racine Owings, Brenda Parfitt, Dot Peck, Jo Ann Pinson, Keith Ridgeway, Sybil Sellers, Norma Timms, Trevor Willis, Frank Woods, Jane Woodson, and Colleen Zubetz

### **Prayer Breakfast:**

The Prayer Breakfast will be every Tuesday at 8:00 AM.

### **Latimer Memorial UMC Men's Club:**

The UMC Men's Club breakfast and meeting will be Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

### **Rev. Culp's Office Hours:**

Rev. Culp's office hours are 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Tuesday through Thursday. Please check the bulletin board each week for changes to the office hours.

## **United Methodist Women:**

On the first Monday in Advent the Elizabeth Smith/Sue Coward Circles met for their annual Christmas party. If not young in age, everyone was young in heart and enjoyed singing carols, listening to a story, **The Year of the Perfect Christmas Tree**, by Gloria Houston and snacking on finger food, coffee and cider. During a brief business meeting it was decided to give each family in Latimer's rental houses an Ingles gift card as the UMW Christmas project.

The next meeting will be Mon., January 7, at 3:00 at the church. At that time an important item of business, the help with the parenting meeting at Belton Elementary, will be discussed.

- Regina Bullions

## **Nursery Workers:**

Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> - Andy Bullions  
Hannah Brooks  
Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Regina Bullions  
Nancy Ellett  
Jan. 20<sup>th</sup> - Gloria Eaves  
Judith DuBose  
Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - Andy Bullions  
Hannah Brooks

## **Richard Campbell Nursing Home:**

“Brinner” at Richard C. Campbell Nursing Home will be Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **Bishop’s Corner:**

### **A HOPE AND A PROMISE**

By Bishop L. Jonathan Holston

*“But the angel said to them, do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.*

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.” Luke 2:11*

For many of us, this season will be an endurance marathon of way too much to do, way too much to eat and way too much stress. However, the true blessing of the Christmas season can be discovered when we focus on preparing our hearts to receive again the greatest gift given to humankind: the hope, comfort, joy and glad tidings the baby Jesus brought to earth.

The birth of the Christ child was the fulfillment of God’s promise. This is really good news!

Even though our minds are often distracted by other thoughts, preoccupied with schedules and not always thinking about heavenly things, the Christmas story still clearly speaks to us today. While we live in such a highly competitive society—one that produces winners and losers, not only in sports, but also in the business world, in office settings and even in the church—we have the opportunity to let God come and minister to us in this Christmas season. And even though we live in a world that encourages personal gain, it is important to remember that the same message delivered to the shepherds is shared with you and me. Once again, it is the story of God’s love coming down to save, to restore and to forgive. It is a message we have heard before. It is a message of hope that God is with us, looking on.

About hope, retired Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Alan Page says, “When you have no hope, you want to destroy the society around you. When you have hope, you want to protect the society. The goal is to give hope and provide opportunity.”

Choosing hope makes all the difference.

At the heart of the Christmas message there is a baby born who could change everything. Christmas is all about Jesus coming to be with us. It is about Immanuel, God with us, looking on. So despite all the distractions around us, we focus on this hope that exists because of the birth of baby Jesus. We anticipate the joy of experiencing God's promise fulfilled, and in so doing, our hearts are prepared both to receive the greatest gift and to share it freely with others.

Let us focus on sharing the gift of hope with all whom we meet, and let us remember in prayer those still recovering from the storms of past and present that have caused damage for many people in South Carolina, those who have been elected to lead us in government in our communities, our state and our nation, and let us also remember in prayer the South Carolina Conference delegation along with the global United Methodist Church as all prepare for the called General Conference in February 2019.

May this prayer of hope be a gift to you during the Christmas season:

For every beginning, there is an ending. For every memory, there is a dream. As we share in the excitement of this season and the hope that it offers, may we cultivate the capacity to respect and honor one another. May we live with a purpose bigger than ourselves. May we recognize that our lives will be measured by our actions more than our words. May we be vigilant in service to all regardless of their place or station in life. May we be ever mindful to:

Watch your thoughts, because they become your words;

Watch your words, because they become your actions;

Watch your actions, because they become your habits;

Watch your habits, because they become your character;

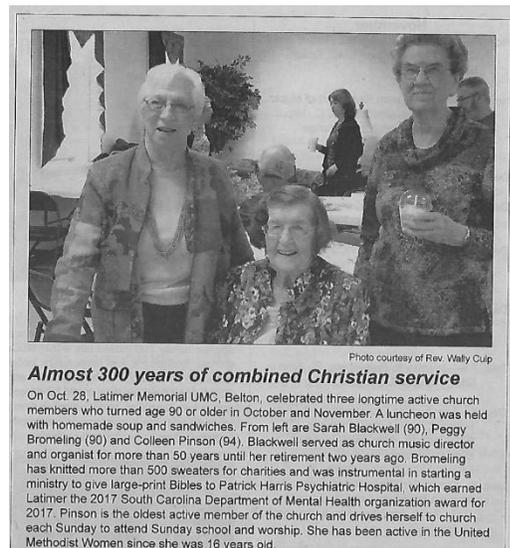
Watch your character, because it determines your destiny.

May we walk through this Christmas season inspired by the hope found in the birth of baby Jesus and determined to be active members in our churches and may we move beyond ourselves. May the God of

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### 90+ Years Young and Counting:

and mercy go with us.



The article from the December 2018 issue of the South Carolina United Methodist Advocate.

## Christmas Cantata and Children's Pageant:

The Christmas Cantata and Children's Pageant, "While Shepherds Watched", was held Sunday, December

23<sup>rd</sup> during the morning worship service. IT WAS FANTASTIC! Thanks to Misty Walfield, the choir members (past and present), Frank Sorrow, Gay Walfield, Regina Bullions, Pat Wilson, and

the children and youth (Raymond Bullions, Payton Burleson, Alana Walfield, and Max Walfield).

Following are some pictures from this event:



